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For: METHOD FOR SUSPENDING AND
INTRODUCING SOLID MATTER IN
A HIGH-PRESSURE PROCESS

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Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Section 1.97 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and prior to the issuance of a first office action, record is hereby made of information the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application which was filed on September 15, 2006 under 35 U.S.C. 371. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this IDS.

The following documents were cited in the earliest claimed priority, basic German application, DE 10 2004 013 338 (cover page attached):

DE 199 28 405 A1 (corresponds to US 6,796,151 B1 - also cited in the subject application);

EP 0 850 682 (corresponds to US 5,921,478 B1);

WO 97/13915 A1 (corresponds to US 5,972,151 B1 - also cited in the subject application); and

US 6,261,326 (also cited in the subject application and the International Search Report).

The following documents were cited in the specification of the subject application, which serves as a statement of relevance for the non-English references:

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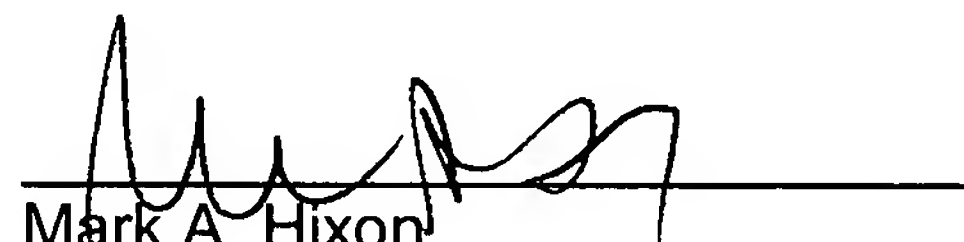
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U.S. patent 6,261,326 B1 was cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding International Application. A copy of the International Search Report, along with its English translation, which serves as a statement of relevance for any non-English references, is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed herewith, along with Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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